

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota has been celebrating Historic Preservation Month since 1973 and Archaeology Month since 2005, both in the month of May; and,

*Whereas*, Events are sponsored across South Dakota by our state historical society, local historic preservation organizations, local historical societies, business and civic organizations, and by individuals; and,

*Whereas*, These events are meant to showcase preservation achievements, to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling community pride, to promote heritage tourism, and to highlight the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and,

*Whereas*, It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals who preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that shape us as South Dakotans; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month was created to acquaint the public with the disciplines of benefits of archaeology and historic preservation and to strengthen the enduring bond between the past and the present; and,

*Whereas*, Public appreciation and understanding are the foundations of preserving South Dakota's past for future generations; and,

*Whereas*, "Uncover the Past" is the theme for South Dakota Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month 2017, sponsored by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

## *ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH*

in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of South Dakota to join their fellow citizens across the state in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State